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Fauquier County Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee

Meeting of January 21, 2004

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

In the absence of a quorum of Supervisors, the meeting was not convened. Acting Assistant County Administrator Catherine Heritage led the ex officio members in an information-sharing session.

2. <u>Introduction of Participants</u>

Present were:

- The Honorable Jonathan S. Lynn, Attorney for the Commonwealth
- Mr. Charles Shepherd, Virginia Department of Health
- Dr. Bill Barker, Fire and Rescue
- Chief Philip Myer, Fauquier Co. Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services
- Mr. Billy Jenkins, General Services Operations Department
- Mr. Bill Dugan, Fauquier County Sheriff's Office
- Sheriff Charlie Ray Fox
- Lt. Colonel Dave Flohr, Fauquier County Sheriff Office
- Mr. Blake Gallagher, Vice President, Fire and Rescue Association
- Mr. Doug Taylor, Fire and Rescue Association
- Mr. Allen Cubbage, Warrenton Town Police
- First Sergeant James Murphy, Virginia State Police
- Mr. Tom Pavelko, Acting Director of Adult Court Services
- Mr. G. Robert Lee, County Administrator
- Mr. Anthony Hooper, Acting Deputy County Administrator
- Ms. Catherine Heritage, Acting Assistant County Administrator
- Ms. Sue Powles, Director, Warrenton-Fauquier Joint Communications
- Mr. Garrett Moore, VDOT

3. Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

In the absence of a quorum, the approval of the minutes was postponed until the February meeting.



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4. 800 MHz Radio System Progress

Mr. Hooper advised that good progress has been made. The towers at Blue Mountain and View Tree have been erected. User training will begin in the March/April timeframe and field-testing for the new system will occur in May. Bids are being accepted and reviewed for implementation of the paging system.

5. Trooper Statistics and Pay Differential

First Sergeant Murphy distributed statistics that summarized last year's activity for Fauquier County State Troopers. He reported that Fauquier troopers also assisted other jurisdictions during Hurricane Isabel and provided support during the Malvo trial. Fauquier County will receive two additional trooper positions in February.

With regard to the Northern Virginia Pay Differential, First Sergeant Murphy indicated that VSP will continue to pursue this. Mr. Lee advised that a bill is proposed at this time to obtain the differential for all state employees working in Fauquier County. Delegate Lingamfelter is sponsoring this bill.

6. Fire and Rescue 10 Year Service Plan

Chief Myer submitted binders that outlined Fire and Rescue's Service Plan. He advised that obtaining and funding of facilities will be the biggest hurdle they face in the next ten years.

7. 2004 Goals and Objectives

Ms. Heritage reported that almost all 2003 goals and objectives appear to be on target. She did inquire about progress on the Southern Public Safety Substation. Sheriff Fox indicated that no action has been taken as of yet. Chief Meyer indicated that a proposed substation is still in the planning Stages.



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8. Roundtable

Mr. Taylor indicated that, due to growth and the impact of higher service needs, it was the recommendation of the Fire and Rescue Association that the Department of Fire and Emergency Services be removed from the tax levy and placed in the General Fund. . He advised that current plans call for the construction of approximately 1800 homes in the Remington area alone. .He also endorsed the funding of a full-time EMT position.

Chief Meyer requested that the committee revisit the issue of back-up generators at its February meeting.

Mr. Shepherd thanked the Sheriff's Office for donating left-over flu vaccines to the Health Department. This donation enabled them to provide two more flu shot clinics to citizens of Fauquier County.

9. Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Ms. Heritage called for adjournment. Generally concurred.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of January

Thomas S. Pavelko, Lead Staff
Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee